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SUBJECT: ROK PRESS SAYS CORE GROUP TOLD ROKS TO STAND AND FIGHT

REF: STATE 79017

1. ROK PRESS APRIL 2 CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORIES UNDER HEADLINES SAYING "ALLIES OPPOSE SEOUL'S LOW-KEY STAND AT UN" AND "ROK URGED TO KEEP UP UN STANCE". CONTENT OF ARTICLES QUOTING DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN NEW YORK INDICATES CORE GROUP MEMBERS EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT IMPACT ON US CONGRESS OF FAILURE TO CONTEST NORTH KOREAN POSITION, THAT JAPAN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ALTERATION OF STATUS QUO ON KOREAN PENINSULA RESULTING FROM PASSAGE OF UNCONTESTED NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION AND THAT GROUP FELT THERE WAS CHANCE OF BLOCKING TOTAL DIPLOMATIC VICTORY BY NORTH KOREA. STORIES ALSO REFERRED TO UNDESIRABILITY OF ALTERING UN KOREA STANCE IN US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR.

2. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ABOUT PRESS LEAKS FROM NEW YORK DURING TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER APRIL 2, FONMIN SAID HE WAS DISTURBED BY THE CONTINUING STORIES EMANATING FROM NEW YORK ON THE CORE GROUP MEETING. HE SAID HE HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MINISTRY AND TO THE NEW YORK MISSION TO AVOID LEAKS. HE SAID THAT THE BASIC PROBLEM IS IN NEW YORK WHERE HE NOTED, BASED ON HIS OWN EXPERIENVB AS UN AMBASSADOR, THAT THE ROK PRESS CORPS IS VERY AGGRESSIVE AND PERSISTANT.

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